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March 23, 2010

Mr. Walter C. Waidelich Jr. Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 4-100 Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Mr. Leslie T. Rogers Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration 201 Mission Street, Suite 1650 San Francisco, CA 94105

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

The California Department of Transportation has completed the review of the following amendment to the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) 2008/09-2011/12 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. <u>Description</u>

19 Federal, State and Local Element

 This amendment adds and modifies various projects from various programs in Tulare County. The amendment includes projects with funding from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), State Highway Operation and Protection Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program, and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds.

See enclosure.

The TCAG Board Resolution adopting this FTIP amendment certifies that the amendment is financially constrained, and meets the requirements of public involvement procedures adopted by TCAG and all applicable transportation planning requirements per Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations Part 450 and satisfies the applicable air quality conformity requirements.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve TCAG's Amendment Number 19. I also recommend that the Federal Highway Administration and FTA approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2009 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP amendment, in fiscal years not within the four-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only. Approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of project for federal funding.

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Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Jody Tian of my staff, at (916) 654-2853.

Sincerely,

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Chief

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